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Dear Ms. Gomez:

This is in reference to your follow-up email message to the [foiarequests@dol.gov](mailto:foiarequests@dol.gov) site regarding a FOIA request you indicated that you placed on August 20, 2018 for the FOIA request logs for FY 2017. Because the DOL OIG FOIA office is independent, your September 18, 2018 email follow-up and FOIA request was forwarded to this office on October 4, 2018 for processing and direct response.

A search of the logs indicates that this office did not have any pending requests received by you and this is the first time this office has received your request. Therefore, it has been logged and assigned case number 219001.

The policy of the Inspector General is to make, to the extent possible, full disclosure of our identifiable records in accordance with the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act. For all requestors, we attempt to complete this process as expeditiously as practicable in providing our official response along with all releasable materials however, the processing time and delivery of a final response depends on the volume and complexity of cases to be processed ahead of your request. Your request is considered a complex request. Currently, this office has a number of FOIA requests with large volumes of records to be processed that are in the queue waiting for processing ahead of your request. This does not include the records responsive to your request that will require FOIA review. I anticipate that a final response to your request should be provided by April 1, 2019 or sooner. However, it is difficult to provide estimated response dates due to the unknown complexity of the cases in queue awaiting review ahead of your requests.

Although I do not consider this a denial, you have the right to appeal this response within 90 days from the date of this letter. Should you decide to do this, your appeal must state, in writing, the grounds for appeal, together with any statement or arguments. Such an appeal should be addressed and directed to the Solicitor of Labor, citing OIG/FOIA No.219001, Room N-2428, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20210. Please refer to the Department of Labor regulations at 29 CFR 70.22 for further details on your appeal rights.

Should you need to discuss your request, feel free to contact this office at 202-693-5113, or the DOL FOIA Public Liaison, Thomas Hicks at 202-693-5427. Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001; e-mail at [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov); telephone 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769. Looking forward to assisting you. Thank you for your patience.

Sincerely,  
*Kimberly J Pacheco*

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